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1801-1850

49-1 E. Montgomery St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

The houses along the south side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. include some of the earliest Federal style, two and a half story brick houses built in the area. 1, 3, and 9 E. Montgomery St. are all three bays wide and were built before 1805. The other two and a half story houses on the street are two bays wide and were built between 1809 and 1825. These include 11 E. Montgomery St. and the pairs of houses at 5-7, 17-19, 25-27, and 29-31 E. Montgomery St. 13 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house built in the late 1840's, as was its neighbor, 15 E. Montgomery St., which, however, has since been remodeled and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 21-23 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide "half houses" with front gable roofs and two story high rear additions. 33-35 E. Montgomery St. are unusual three and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs and dormer windows that run the full length of the roof. The houses are the only survivors of an original group of five such houses built in the late 1840's between 33 and 41 E. Montgomery St. 47-49 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice which are either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses on the site.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

17-19 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of 2 1/2 story brick houses with gable roof and a single dormer window apiece, were part of an original group of such houses built along this side of Montgomery St. in the early 1800's.

The house are 2 1/2 stories in height, 12 1/2' wide, and extend back on their lots about 30'. They are constructed in running bond. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with its original standing seam tin roof and the wooden snow guard is intact. A tall, covered square brick chimney is centrally located on the front gable along the partition wall between the two houses. Each house also shares a chimney rising along the south end wall of the house. There is at present no cornice under the projecting roof line. All of the door and window openings are surmounted by splayed brick lintels. The sills are wood. One original sash remains in the first floor front window of 17 E. Montgomery, behind the current boarding. It has 4/4 lights. None of the other sash remains and the openings are either empty or boarded. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by low stone stoops. There are rectangular shaped coal openings under the first floor windows.

Like its neighbor 11 E. Montgomery St., the main structure of 17-19 E. Montgomery St. is only one room deep. A two story kitchen wing extends to the rear of each house under a low-pitched gable roof set at right angles to the street, the wing of each house being under one half of the roof. The main room on each floor measures 11' x 14', and each has a fireplace. The narrower kitchen addition has a wide rear fireplace along the south end wall. The stairs to the second floor are located in the kitchen addition, along the partition wall separating it from the main structure. They are unusual in that they face north, towards the street, rather than being set parallel to the street as is the standard arrangement in houses of this type. On the second floor the stairs to the third, or dormer, floor are located in the front room, within the main structure of the house, rising parallel to the street as is usual. The third floor space consists of but one room, 11' x 11', under a ceiling that measures 6'3" in height. There is a small rear window in addition to the front dormer window. The front rooms on both the first and second floors (those of the main house) have 8 1/2' high ceilings; the first and second floor rooms of the kitchen addition have 8' high ceilings. The ceiling of the second floor back room slopes down to the outside wall.

Only the second floor front mantelpiece of 17 E. Montgomery St. survives. It is a simple design composed of a plain frieze supporting a shallow, simply molded mantel shelf. A narrow molding strip runs up the sides and across the bottom of the frieze. The kitchen fireplace of 17 E. Montgomery St. is also still relatively intact. The wide opening is framed by a several-inch deep molding strip. Above a deep, plain plastered frieze, a slightly projecting crown molding serves as a mantel shelf. This room also has its original 4' high vertical wainscot paneling. The door and window frames of the first floor front room of 17 E. Montgomery St. have block-end lintels with round end medallions, a Greek-Revival inspired motif. The window sill in this room has an especially nice molding.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1810-1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Armstrong?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is important as being one of a small group of surviving early nineteenth century houses in the Federal Hill area. The houses are one of the earliest pairs of 2 1/2 story houses to be built in the area and may have been built by Thomas Armstrong who lived at 102-104 Montgomery St. Like other 2 1/2 story houses built along Montgomery St., or S. Charles St. in the years before 1820, these houses are only one room deep, with the stairs located in the rear corner of the house, and with a rear kitchen addition.

Although the houses are in an extreme state of disrepair, they have recently been sold by the City to a private owner and will hopefully soon be restored.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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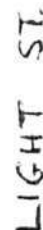
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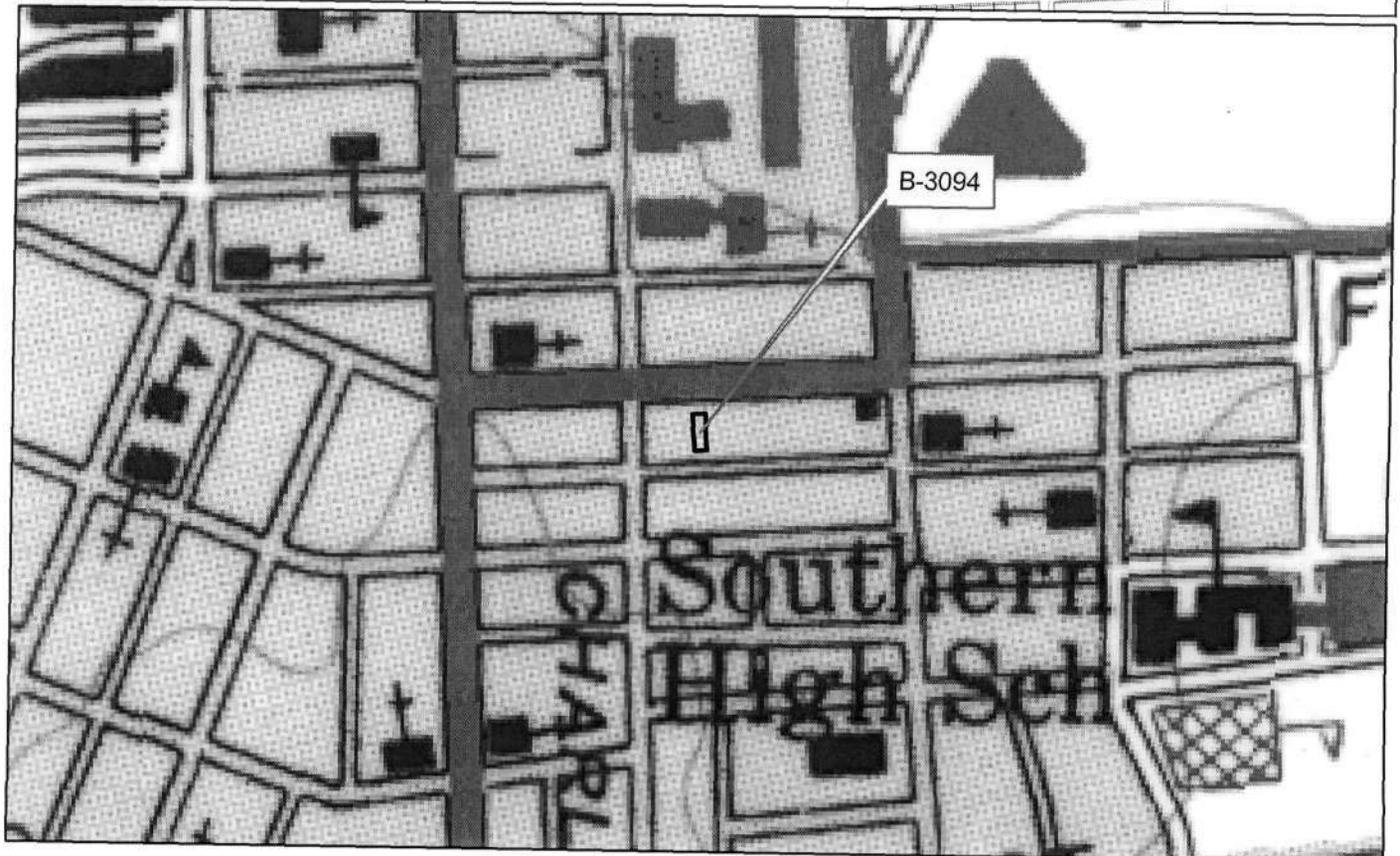
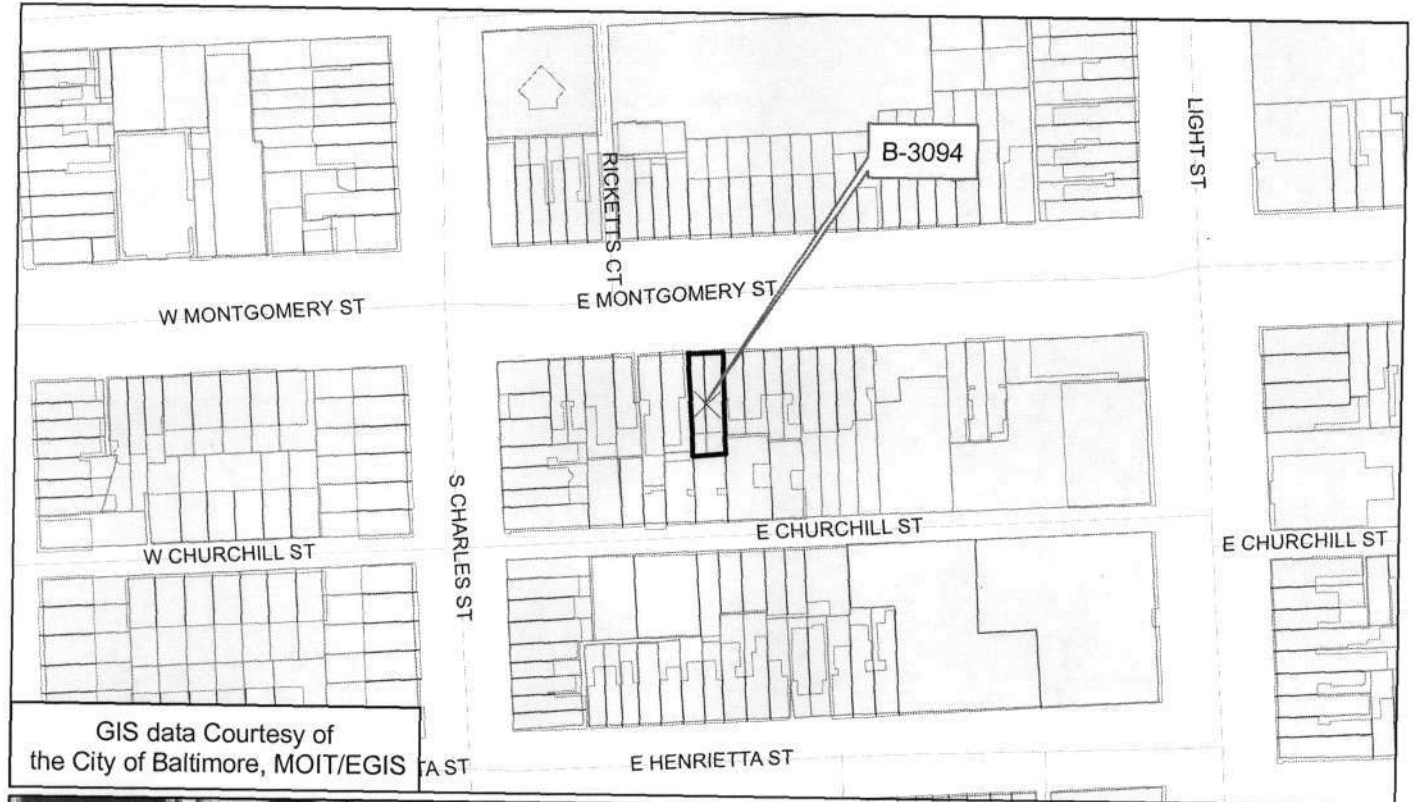


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North elevation